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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Acres, Wiebensen, Ginsburg

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For: COMPUTER NETWORK FOR CONTROLLING AND MONITORING
GAMING DEVICES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please add new claims 62 through 82 as follows:

62. (new) A method of operating gaming devices interconnected by a computer network to a host computer comprising:

selecting a plurality of the gaming devices;
using the network to track the amount of money played on the selected gaming devices;

allocating a predetermined percentage of the money played to a bonus pool;
initiating a bonus period after the bonus pool exceeds a predetermined level;
providing data establishing criteria to cause a bonus to be paid from the pool via